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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

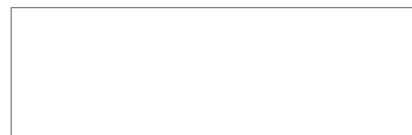
SUBJECT: P & E Resolution Target

1. On 19 August 1955 I phoned [ ] concerning our finance, security and physical problems in constructing the suggested resolution target. He assured me the target was intended to test the operational efficiency of the configurations rather than their resolution capability, which, he feels, is mathematically quite certain. I explained to him that we had only a cold mix area 100 feet by one mile which would be getting regular wear from landing aircraft and would, in time, be worn down and covered with dust. I further explained that we are currently getting an estimate from our engineer and that Security was uneasy over the obvious disclosure that the target would make of the aerial photographic use of our site.

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2. We concluded that no final decisions need be made on constructing the target until [ ] meets with Mr. Bissell on the West Coast later this month. [ ] feels that a clear cut decision can be made when all concerned are at the site.

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